

Usual Brilliant Budget of News Notes
Gleaned by THE TRIBUNE Reporter

Stuart-on-the-St. Lucie

On Route of the big Canal that is to
Drain Okechobee and the Everglades

SELECT LOCATION WITH MUCH CARE

One art, one thought or effort will not give correctly the character of the man neither will one paper, one advertisement, statement, letter or talk give correct information of the true conditions in Florida; neither do friends who desire their old neighbors or people to come to Florida tell it all. There are so many opportunities for the intelligent man or woman who is willing to make an effort to succeed, so many different kinds of ability called for, so many different ways present themselves to produce results, that no location should be decided on until the particular business for which the person is best fitted for is fully decided, as where one would fail another would make a remarkable success. The persuasion of friends or other influences should be kept in the background unless it be clearly shown that the opening is the kind best suited to the gifts, abilities and tastes. There is no doubt but that Florida presents to the individual better opportunities for the least expenditure of energy than any other State in the Union.

ADVANTAGES OF ACTIVE STUART

Get a map of the St. Lucie country and investigate its resources and prospects of future development, the great advantages of the St. Lucie river, the result of the drainage canal, the opening of the inlet, the harbor of refuge that lies within reach and so easily obtained, the great back country that will produce as much and perhaps more than the great deserts that are being irrigated by the government at a cost that is much greater than the cost of reclaiming the three million acres in South Florida. Subscribe for THE TRIBUNE also, and get a continual account of facts, figures, opportunities for investments, the rapid advancement of the St. Lucie country, and learn of the enterprising new town called Stuart, that is made up of people that have made a success here. Read the advertisements of Stuart merchants, where you can get what you need.

Time For a Change.

What shall we do with our parents? There is my father ruining himself and me by his willful ignorance and my mother ruining us by her extravagances. It is a great development of the times that the ordinary child who is past twenty is altogether better educated, more experienced and wiser than are his parents! It has occurred to me to suggest that after the eldest child reaches twenty the parents should therefore come under the control of the children. Letter in London Graphic.

Belgium Shrimp Fishers.

Horses play an important part in shrimp fishing along the Belgian coast. A procession of weather beaten fishermen starts from the shore, each man mounted upon the back of a trained horse, dragging the triangular purse shaped net which scoops in the shrimp as it passes over the sands. These fishermen on horseback frequently make hauls of several hundredweight in a single trip.

"David Harum," the novel written by the late Edward Noyes Westcott, netted the author's estate about \$125,000, according to a statement made in the surrogate's court, Syracuse, N. Y.

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WALTER KITCHING
STUART, FLORIDA

PERSONAL AND LOCAL.

Mrs. H. C. McCullough, who has been away visiting her people, has returned.

Mr. and Mrs. Langley Kitching have gone to Sebastian to visit a brother who lives at that place.

The vessel, Emily B., of Palm Beach, Capt. Hendrickson, sailed from Stuart on Tuesday, bound for Jacksonville.

County Commissioner M. R. Johns, who was taken to the hospital at St. Augustine, is reported as improving very rapidly.

If the entertainment Christmas is not a success it will not be Miss Kyle's fault, who is very enthusiastic and is devoting time and energy to make it one of the best Christmas treats ever had at Stuart.

Did you ever consider the fact that Florida is the strong arm of the great South? Well, it is, and the powerful arm is now exerting its might strength by reaching out after Key West and the route to Panama. Will it get it? Certainly.

We will soon know some of the plans made by Governor Broward, as some of the Florida papers state that they will soon publish articles on the everglade drainage scheme in his own words and no doubt the articles will be read with a great deal of interest, especially in the St. Lucie country.

Mrs. G. T. Woodward will make her home at Stuart for some time as her husband is employed on the government dredge boat now enroute for the Indian river where it will be employed the coming year.

A writer in the Times-Union makes a statement that there is no place for a harbor between St. John's river and Miami, or words to that effect. He must not have any map or chart of the Atlantic coast or he would know that the St. Lucie river is a deep river and with a little work at the St. Lucie inlet a harbor of refuge would be made the equal if not better than any other on the coast below St. Johns river.

GOMEZ.

E. F. Smith has a nice crop of string beans ready to ship.

J. C. Kling, of Fort Lauderdale, was here Monday on business.

E. P. Fripp, of Jensen, was down last Friday looking over our groves and truck farms.

Wesley Smith has had good luck with his wooden hen. He has a nice bunch of young chicks.

Section Foreman Forsythe, of Aberdeen, was down Sunday looking over our land and farms, and said he was thinking of buying here.

J. H. Wynn, county treasurer of St. Lucie county, accompanied by his wife and child, spent from Friday until Monday the guests of S. A. Free and family. Mr. Wynn has lived in Florida over twenty years, and he said our pineapples and oranges were as good as he ever saw for the chance they had. He said that that there was the largest body of good orange, pineapple and vegetable lands here that he had seen this far south.

The last census gives Fernandina a population of 5,400 and a severe shock, as they had supposed all the time they had over 6,000.

NOTES FROM THE STUART SCHOOL

FERN M'PHERSON WRENN BALL.

Mr. Kitching delivered the prizes for the "Nature Study compositions" last Friday. All were very much pleased.

After a two weeks absence, Beatrice Kitching and Otto Stephenson are in school. George Baker is not yet able to attend, but we hope he soon will be.

Miss Kyle, the primary teacher, is very busily engaged doing the drilling of the children for a Christmas entertainment. She has a large class after school every afternoon for this purpose.

PYTHONS AS PETS.

According to Dr. Mann, They Are Perfectly Harmless.

Dr. Mann, an enthusiastic lover of snakes, contributes to a recent English volume a letter which goes to show that the larger kinds of those creatures "may have far more character and emotion than they are generally credited with."

"My present boa," he writes, "always sleeps in my bed around my feet. He is perfectly clean, lies still and very seldom disturbs me. Occasionally he crawls to my face to lick it. I frequently take a python to bed, but at present she is timid, and if she cannot find my foot crawls out of the bed and curls herself on the floor."

"I do not myself believe that any python or boa is savage, but they are dreadfully timid, especially from the ill treatment they receive when first caught and the misery and terror they endure on the voyage. There is another thing: They have no eyelids and on a suddenly uncovered and dragged forth to the light suffer from the glare very acutely. It is best, therefore, to hide their heads in your hand or under your coat."

"Handle them often and give them water, pressing their heads gently into it. I feed my boas frequently from my hand, but the last time I offered a python a guinea pig the prey escaped, and the python took in the whole of my hand instead. He soon discovered his mistake and was greatly distressed, rubbed his head against my hand and seemed to fear some sort of punishment."

"Since that time I have had great difficulty in persuading him to eat unless I nurse him or take him to bed, when he will lie the whole night with his head in my hand."

Four Good Reasons.

An amusing incident happened the other day at a club which had hospitably thrown open its doors to two other clubs. A certain well known officer in the brigade of guards was guilty of the offense of smoking in the morning room. As a matter of fact, he was under the impression that it was the smoking room. A brother officer told him of his mistake. He went up to the only other occupant of the room, an old gentleman dozing in a corner, and apologized for having inadvertently broken one of the rules of the club. The old gentleman replied, without haste, as follows: "My dear sir, pray do not apologize. In the first place, I am sure you would not have smoked had you known that it was prohibited; in the second, I should be the last person to blame you if you had done so; in the third, I am not a member of the club, and in the fourth, I have just been smoking myself."—London Globe.

A curiosity in the shape of a puff ball as big as a man's head is on exhibition in a store at Bowdoinham, Me.

GET THIS! It Must Be Sold at Once

It is not every day that you can buy a choice piece of property at a **bargain worth considering**, but I have a place on the St. Lucie river that **must be sold at once**—a good river front, story and a half house, furniture, two boats, two acres of pineapples; good neighbors. It will pay you to write at once—my price will sell it.

W. A. BALL
Box 52, STUART, FLORIDA

Eggs for Hatching

Single Comb White Leghorns. The hen that lays is the hen that pays. Eggs, \$1.50 for 15; \$2.75 for 30.

A. T. HOGARTH, STUART, FLA.

NOW is the Time to BUY LAND The Everglades will be Drained

A route has been surveyed and the canal from Lake Okechobee to the St. Lucie river will be dug, and **Stuart-on-the-St. Lucie**, near the canal route, is attracting the attention of the homeseeker and investor. * Unexcelled bathing and boating, launch trips up the river and to the ocean, and fresh and salt water fishing offer more than ordinary inducements to the tourist and health seeker. * Hotel and boarding house accommodations for all at most reasonable prices.

WE ARE ON "THE SPOT" Real Estate is the only Safe Investment

I have secured some of the most desirable and best locations at **Stuart-on-the-St. Lucie** and on the St. Lucie river that are to be had. If you anticipate buying here, **NOW** is the time, and you should call or write for further information at once. Stuart people realize the future importance of this section and, as a rule, are making no effort to sell property, but some desirable locations can be had through this agency. Every courtesy will be shown our customers.

LOT No. 1. A first class choice tract, a paying piece of property of 12 acres, 7 in bearing pineapples, a under stock. The place were not hurt by last winter's cold and have a good fall and winter crop in sight. Has a tram road, good packing house and railroad platform. One of the best paying pineapple plantations on the East Coast has been bringing in \$2,000 a year, and the plants are in better condition now than ever. Can be had **NOW** for \$5,000.

LOT No. 2. A large plot of land, on the postoffice, very desirable location and one of the best to be had at the price offered. Only \$375.

LOT No. 3. Five acres of land, short distance from post office, church and school on the St. Lucie river. Price offered, \$500. Can be bought for \$300.

4. Five acres of some of the most valuable land in this section. It is exceedingly valuable for pineapple culture or could be subdivided into building lots. It is situated on a fine rock road, only a short distance from postoffice, church, school house and railroad station and is offered at same price as land much further from the center of town. It has no superior and low ground. A safe piece of property to buy at the price—\$1,000.

BETTER SEE ABOUT THIS ONE.

LOT No. 5. Here is a bargain that cannot be beaten anywhere. One hundred dollars net profit is made here every year.

on land not as good as this, and if you take this I will tell you how to make more money on it. 100 acres, 1 1/2 miles from Stuart, 1/2 miles in oranges and pineapples. Some of the trees in bearing. 1 acre in pineapples, 2 acres garden land, buildings paid for. This is the best 100 acres on the St. Lucie river of any of its tributaries—20 acres of first class pineapple land, 140 acres of garden land, 400 acres of truck, and all first class orange land. Oranges are also in fruit here. There has never been a tree killed by the cold. A heavy growth of grass on the place, and a good stock range all around, and an abundance of pure water. This property fronts on a lay the alone is worth \$1,000 to the place as it is a perfectly safe harbor for boats in a storm. There is plenty of lemons, limes, guavas, mangoes, etc., for family use. Price, \$55 per acre.

THIS IS A BARGAIN.

LOT No. 6. A very fine river front property. Two acres at River front property. A few orange, lime and guava trees; a good room, 1 1/2 story house, half interest tramway and car to Rio station. There on this place netted \$575 two years ago. Fronts on the St. Lucie river. Price, \$5.

LOT 7. Ten acres of land on the St. Lucie river, 1 1/2 miles from Stuart; 6 acres of fine orange, fruit and vegetable land. I will pay for itself in one season if planted in potatoes or other vegetables. It is a short distance from the big canal and is certain to be worth more than a now asked. A safe investment. \$200.

LOTS 8. A valuable corner lot with house. First class location and a fine bargain. A fine place for a winter residence. Price only \$250.

W. A. BALL, Land Agent, Postoffice Building, STUART-ON-THE-ST. LUCIE, FLORIDA.

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WALTER KITCHING

General Merchandise
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Stuart, Florida

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